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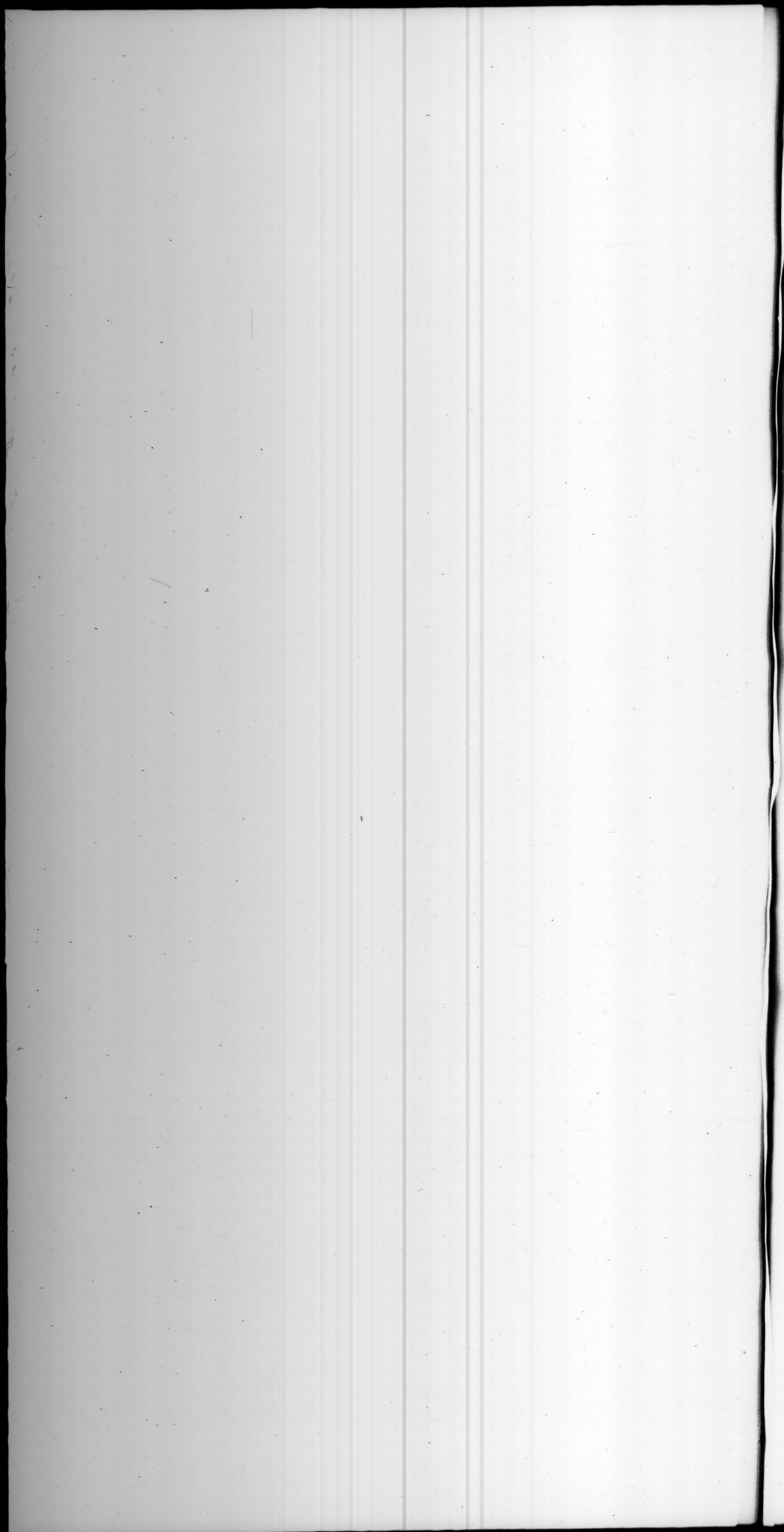
A Proclamation for the better discovery and prevention of Burglaries, Robberies, and other Frauds and abuses, and for the suppressing of all secret and unlawful practises of Retayling Brokers, and others which may occasion the same.



Hereas the secret Pawning, or Selling of Goods uniuersally gotten, to Brokers, Broggers, Ducksters, and others residing in and neere the Cities of London and Westminster, and the Liberties thereof, and their venting of such goods to others in like manner, hath bene observed to bee the Ground and Nurserie of Burglaries, Robberies, Felonies, and Frauds, which the care of former times hath bene studious to reforme and prevent: And to that end severall Actes of Common Councell have bene heretofore made, by the Lord Mayor and Commons of the Citie of London; and an Office of Registry for that purpose erected in the Citie of London, in the time of the Reigne of the late Queene of famous memory, Queene ELIZABETH, which hath been since also confirmed by Our most deare and Royall Father of blessed memory, King JAMES, who finding the necessity thereof, and the benefit likely to growe thereby, was graciously pleased also to erect the like Office of Registry in the Citie of Westminster for the same purpose, unto both which (being now reduced into one intire Office,) wee, by Our Letters Patents, dated the twentieth day of August, in the fifth yeere of Our Reigne, have likewise given Our Royall confirmation.

And for the better discovery and reformation of the sayd abuses, have appointed certaine Registers of the sayd Office, unto whom and their Deputies, at such places and times as they shall appoint, all such Brokers, Broggers, Ducksters, and others are to have recourse, and to register weekly by way of duplicate, all such Goods as they or any of them shall buy or take to pawne, together with a true description thereof, and of such persons of whom they received them, and for the true performance thereof are to enter Bond, as thereby is enoynd: which courses, neuerthelesse, so already taken, for prevention of Felonies and other abuses, have not produced such effect, as from thence was expected, but still the desire of unlawfull game hath found meanes (in some ill disposed persons) to evade from the same.

Wee therefore, for the more full, effectuall and perfect reformation, and suppression of all the sayd offences and other practises, and for the better execution of the sayd Office, and the punishment of all such as shall neglect the same, doe by, and with the aduice of the Right Honourable the Lords and others of Our Pruiue Councell, publish and declare Our Royall Will and pleasure to bee.



And wee doe hereby straitly charge and command, all and every retayling Brokers, Brogers, Hucksters, or such other persons inhabiting or residing within the Cities of London and Westminster, or the Liberties thereof, and within two miles compasse of the same, and which shall keep any Shop or Roome, for the buying or taking to pawne of any Plate, Jewels, Goods, Wares, Merchandizes, Apparell, Household-stuffe, Bookes, Bedding, Remnants and Ends of Silkes, Veluets, or of Linnen or Woollen Cloth, or such wares or commodities, to sell againe; or shall vse to buy, or take to pawne, any such Goods to sell againe: That they and euery of them shall before they presume to keepe a Brokers Shop, or intermeddle in the buying or taking to pawne of any such Goods, become bound by Obligation in the summe of one hundred pounds, to bee taken by the said Registers, or one of them, their Deputie or Deputies, according as is limited in the said Letters Patents, and Acts of Common Council.

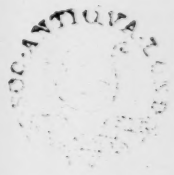
And Our further Will and pleasure is, That if any Bonds already entred into, by any such Retaylers, be defectiue in Law, or come short for the performing the matters before enioyned to be done by them, That then new Bonds of the penal y aforesayd, be forthwith entred into by euery such Retayler, in manner aforesayd, for the performance of all and singular the premises, according to the Tenor of the sayd Letters Patents: All which matters, Our Will and pleasure is, and wee straitly charge and command be duely obserued and performed in all things before expressed, by all such whom it doeth or may concerne, vpon paine of Our high displeasure and indignation, and vpon such further Paines, Penalties and Forfeitures, as for such disobedience or contempt therein, shall or may bee imposed vpon them and euery of them.

And for that end and purpose Our further Will and pleasure is, and wee doe hereby expressly require, charge and command Our Attourney Generall for the time being, and from time to time, as there shall bee occasion vpon complaint to him made, to proceede in Our high Court of Starrechamber, or in any other course or Legall way against such offenders, and for the due punishment of all and euery offences, and negligences in the execution of the premises, as to Our said Attourney Generall for the time being shall seeme meete.

And wee doe further hereby expressly require, charge, and command all Maiors, Sheriffes, Iustices of the Peace, Constables, Magistrates and ministers of Justice whatsoever, to ayde and assist all and euery the said Registers, and their Deputie or Deputies, in the due execution of the sayd duties and Offices, for the better discovering, suppressing, and punishing of all such Offences and Offenders, as aforesayd.

Giuen at Our Court at White-Hall, the fift day of Iuly, in the sixth yeere of Our Reigne of Great Britaine, France and Ireland.

God saue the King.



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